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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kazutoshi Higashiyama et al.

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AND POWER GENERATING SYSTEM

USING IT

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Examiner: M. M. Wills

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 5 and 20-24, for continued examination, without traverse.

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Application No. 10/806,455 Response dated January 4, 2007 Reply to Office Action of November 29, 2006

The Examiner has required restriction between the following: Group I (claims 1, 5 and 20-24), drawn to a hydrogen producing device, classified in class 252, subclass 373; and Group II (claims 16-19), drawn to a fuel cell electric power, classified in class 429, subclass 12.

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